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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Chief, D/C

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FROM: I/W

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SUBJ: Request for Information

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BACKGROUND

Numerous reports received here have shown that two principal AFV repair centers in Germany are the former German railroad car repair shops in Kirchdreser and the Krupp-Oregon - Bachm-Wolff complex in Magdeburg.

REQUIREMENTS

The following information would be most helpful concerning these installations and the Soviet AFV holdings in SovZone Germany

1. Which parts are cleaned, repaired and put back into the tank and which parts are discarded in favor of new parts? What wear shows on various parts?
2. How many tanks go through the process in a given period of time and how long does it take each tank to go through the process?
3. What units or what percentage of the total armored forces in SovZone Germany does each of these particular installations service?
4. Can your source estimate via question 3 what the annual rate of depletion for AFV's in SovZone is?
5. Are there any modifications, changes, or variations incorporated into the repaired tank, such as, ripped armor, stabilization, special sights, infra-red or sighting devices, etc.?
6. Who decides which tanks go through the repair process and which tanks go to the scrap pile and how is that decision reached?
7. What machine tools, with details, and metallurgical equipment, with details, are available; what kind of cutting tools, i.e., tungsten carbide, high speed steel, are utilized?
8. What detailed information concerning the ordnance over-haul shop can be secured?

DEGREE OF NEED: Standard

TARGET DATE : 15 July 52

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